

News Release

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Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Awards Funding for Preparedness

Jackson, Mississippi – The Governor along with the Commissioner of Public Safety, through the Office of Homeland Security is pleased to announce, December 21, 2006, that it has awarded fifty-six jurisdictions a total of \$1,978,695.00 directed at enhancing Mississippi's all hazards capabilities. This award is presented for the 2006 program years. This award is part of an ongoing collaborative effort between the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and local counties and municipalities to keep Mississippi safe and prepared in the all hazards response environment.

Homeland Security Director J.W. Ledbetter said "These allocations represent a tangible source of aid throughout the state to enhance Mississippi's preparedness and response capabilities. All incidents, at their basest form, are local. Providing funding to our counties and municipalities to assist them in their efforts is another step towards protecting our families and communities."

The following jurisdictions are a part of this grant allocation:

Counties: Alcorn, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clay, Coahoma, Copiah, Forrest, Franklin, George, Hancock, Hinds, Holmes, Itawamba, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lamar, Lawrence, Leake, Lee, Lowndes, Marion, Marshall, Neshoba, Newton, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Tallahatchie, Warren Wayne, Winston and Yazoo.

Cities: Biloxi, Brandon, Clinton, Corinth, Gautier, Indianola, Laurel, Long Beach, Madison, McComb, Natchez, Olive Branch, Oxford, Pearl, Southaven, Tupelo, Vicksburg, West Point and Yazoo City.

Regional Response Teams : City of Hattiesburg, EMD